

# MAIL SUPPLEMENT TO THE HONGKONG FREE PRESS.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th, 1886.

## THE HONGKONG ESTIMATES FOR 1887.

The Estimates for 1887 show that the financial position of the Colony is eminently sound. The total receipts for the present year are now estimated at \$1,304,263, and the ordinary expenditure at \$1,100,472, leaving a surplus of \$203,791 to be carried forward. The various extraordinary public works now in progress, for next year the revenue is estimated at \$1,291,270, and the ordinary expenditure at \$1,243,772, leaving a surplus of \$47,498, but both revenue and expenditure will be increased by the estimates for 1888. For the present year the estimated revenue is \$1,304,263, and the estimated expenditure is \$1,100,472, leaving a surplus of \$203,791 to be carried forward. The various extraordinary public works now in progress, for next year the revenue is estimated at \$1,291,270, and the ordinary expenditure at \$1,243,772, leaving a surplus of \$47,498, but both revenue and expenditure will be increased by the estimates for 1888. For the present year the estimated revenue is \$1,304,263, and the estimated expenditure is \$1,100,472, leaving a surplus of \$203,791 to be carried forward. The various extraordinary public works now in progress, for next year the revenue is estimated at \$1,291,270, and the ordinary expenditure at \$1,243,772, leaving a surplus of \$47,498, but both revenue and expenditure will be increased by the estimates for 1888.

## THE VACANT SEAT AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The circular addressed by Mr. FRANCIS, C.C., to the Bench of Justices is certainly an able and well-considered address. It is a valuable contribution to the public mind, and it is to be hoped that it will be read with interest and profit by all who are concerned in the future of the Colony. The circular is a valuable contribution to the public mind, and it is to be hoped that it will be read with interest and profit by all who are concerned in the future of the Colony. The circular is a valuable contribution to the public mind, and it is to be hoped that it will be read with interest and profit by all who are concerned in the future of the Colony.

having regard to the increasing importance of these interests, it is most desirable that they should have their representative. Mr. C. FRANCIS, who has been forward as a candidate for the seat shortly to be vacated by Mr. P. D. SASSOON, most intelligent and experienced in the business of the Colony, is a man of high standing and of great energy and enterprise. He is an indefatigable worker, and his energy and enterprise are well known to all who are concerned in the future of the Colony.

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There is only one other matter to which I feel inclined to refer in this address. You say that you are a very independent man, but I think that you are a very independent man. You say that you are a very independent man, but I think that you are a very independent man. You say that you are a very independent man, but I think that you are a very independent man. You say that you are a very independent man, but I think that you are a very independent man.

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND TAXATION.

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lation. He had unfortunately, owing to the strain on the colony's finances, to add an additional one per cent. to the house tax, but he followed this up by introducing a Bill which now places the amount of the municipal rates wholly under the control of the Council. The amount of these rates having been fixed in one section of the Ordinance at 13 per cent., the next section provides that "The amounts of the above rates may be altered, from time to time, by Ordinance to be passed for that purpose."

Contrast this with the provision of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance under which the present light dues are collected. "The owner or master of every ship which enters the waters of the Colony shall pay such dues in respect of the said light dues, buoys, or beacons as may, from time to time, be fixed by order of the Governor in Council."

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE REGIMENT'S AQUATIC SPORTS. The aquatic sports in connection with the 5th Regiment, which were held at the Recreation Club, Hongkong, with the greatest success. The weather was all that could be desired, there was high water, a great crowd of spectators, and the programme was most successful.

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PIG AND POLE. Forty or fifty people to scramble along the grassy plot to get the pig which was incarcerated in a cage on the pole. For a considerable time the competitors were at a standstill, and the pole, but at length, Abbott walked about three feet and then falling, reached forward and seized the pig in his arms. He carried it off in triumph and laid it on the grass.

At the close of the sports, Lieut. Col. Anderson presented the prizes, and thanked the members of the Club for giving the use of the bathhouse.

## DISTURBED CONDITION OF HAINAN.

Concerning the disturbed condition of Hainan, the following correspondent of the Mercury writes as follows on the 10th September:—The disturbed state of the interior has apparently increased of late, and the necessity of suppressing the growing rebellious spirit that exists on the island, the Hainanese, have thus far succeeded in a great measure in maintaining their independence against the Government, but they appear to be now looking for a more permanent basis of their independence.

## SUPREME COURT.

28th September. IN VICE-ADMIRALTY. BEFORE THE HON. SIR GEORGE PHILLIPS, CHIEF JUSTICE AND CAPTAIN R. G. THOMSON, H.M. HARBOR MASTER, AS NAUTICAL ASSASSOR.

LUX KAI, MASTER OF THE CHINESE JUNK "KONG HING YUEN" AND OTHERS V. THE "P. AND O. STEAMER 'THIRTEEN'." The Acting Attorney-General (Hon. E. J. Akerly), instructed by Messrs. Wotton and Co., appeared for the Plaintiff. The Defendant was represented by Messrs. Sharp, Johnson, and Stokes.

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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**HOMER RIVER AGITATION IN SCOTLAND.**  
**LONDON, 28th August.**  
 Thirty Scotch members of the House of Commons who are identified with the Liberal party, have handed together with the object of agitating for Home Rule for Scotland.

**SEDITION IN INDIA.**  
**Bombay, 7th September.**  
 An anonymous circular has been widely distributed throughout the Bombay district, urging the expulsion of the English from India. There is reason to suspect that Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, who recently returned from England to India, is the author of the manifesto.

**FRANCE AND THE VATICAN.**  
**LONDON, 28th September.**  
 The French Government and the Vatican have agreed upon a compromise in connection with the threat of excommunication of the Pope by the latter for his intention to send a Papal nuncio to China.

**THE CAROLINE ISLANDS.**  
**LONDON, 28th September.**  
 It has been announced that England and Germany have abandoned to Spain any claims they were supposed to have in any naval stations at the Caroline Islands.

**THE PACIFIC CABLE PROJECT.**  
**LONDON, 1st September.**  
 Mr. Randolph Wray, the London solicitor to the Government of New South Wales, states that the Government will subsidize the projected Pacific cable between Vancouver (British Columbia) and Australia, if the colonies will agree to a contribution of the cable.

**THE EARTHQUAKE IN NEW SOUTH WALES.**  
**Adelaide, 30th August.**  
 The latest particulars to hand regarding the destruction of the town of Phillipa by earthquake in the morning of the 27th inst. are that 116 persons were killed, and many others were injured more or less seriously.

**THE AMERICAN EARTHQUAKES.**  
**LONDON, 28th September.**  
 The earthquake which was experienced on the North American coast. The strength of the tremors was terrific. The town of Charleston has been quite ruined. Bridges, railroads, and telegraph lines have been destroyed. The inhabitants of the districts in which the earthquakes occurred are almost mad with terror, and have left the devastated towns. Terrible scenes were enacted at the Richmond Gap during the shocks. The country round about the town of Summerville has been nearly all destroyed, and the damage throughout South Carolina is immense.

**THE LATEST NEWS FROM AMERICA.**  
 The latest news from America states that there are continued shocks of earthquakes in Georgia and Carolina, where many mad persons have sprung into existence.

**EARTHQUAKE IN NEW SOUTH WALES.**  
**Adelaide, 30th August.**  
 A severe shock of earthquake was felt in the district of Young this morning at 5.20. The report was that the ground, which was well known to be a fault, had shifted. The shock was felt throughout the town of Young, and alarmed the inhabitants to a great extent. The direction of the tremor was from east to west.

**OBITUARY.**  
**LONDON, 31st August.**  
 The editor of the *Lancet* is dead.

**AUSTRIA AND AUSTRIA.**  
**LONDON, 31st August.**  
 The North German Gazette has an article to-day on the Bulgarian question, in which it is stated that the peace of Europe can only be secured by allowing Russia to intervene in Bulgaria affairs, as the alternative Russia will advance on Stamboul.

**THE AUSTRIAN OFFICIAL JOURNAL.**  
 The Austrian official journal complains loudly of Prince Bismarck's disregard of Austrian interests, and expresses surprise at Prince Alexander's severity in the matter, particularly after the latter's compromise in brutality towards that Prince.

**THE CASE OF THE RUSSIAN DESIRES.**  
 The case of the Russian desires to exercise advisory control over the civil and military departments of Bulgaria.

**ANNEXATION OF THE BALKAN ISLANDS DENIED.**  
**LONDON, 28th August.**  
 In reply to a question in the House of Commons to-day, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Stansfeld, declared that the annexation of the Balkan Islands had been denied.

**THE TRADE UNION CONGRESS AT PARIS.**  
**LONDON, 27th August.**  
 At the Trade Union Congress now sitting at Paris, Mr. Norton, who represents some Australian trades unions, has been elected as one of the delegates, and he has been elected as one of the delegates, and he has been elected as one of the delegates.

**THE DRAWING IN CONNECTION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL SCOLLING STREETS.**  
 The drawing in connection with the International Scolling Streets took place at the Star and Garter Hotel, Paris, on the 27th inst. when the heats were fixed as follows:—Babour, by Matterson, Ross, Teomer, Ross, Perkins; and Lee, Ross, Teomer. The first heats will be won on Monday, when the heats will be won on Monday.

**THE LATEST BETTING IN CONNECTION WITH THE GREAT SCOLLING STREETS.**  
 The latest betting in connection with the great scolling streets is as follows:—Babour, by Matterson, Ross, Teomer, Ross, Perkins; and Lee, Ross, Teomer. The first heats will be won on Monday, when the heats will be won on Monday.

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**THE BRITISH PRESS RECOGNIZES BEACH AS THE FINEST SCULLER OF MODERN TIMES.**  
 The British Press are very enthusiastic over Beach in that he has the record to Hammersmith.

**ANGLO-AUSTRALIAN CRICKET.**  
**LONDON, 23rd August.**  
 The Australian cricketers commenced a match to-day against the East and Present of the British University at Leyton. The score was 75, and the weather fine.

**THE HOME TEAM REMAINED IN POSSESSION OF THE WICKETS THROUGHOUT THE DAY, AND WHEN THE STAMPS WERE DRAWN HAD SCORED 311 FOR THE LOSS OF SEVEN WICKETS. BEACH PLAYED A FINE innings for 75, not out.**  
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**THE FRENCH MAIL.**  
 The M. M. steamer *Djennah*, from Marseilles 28th August, via usual ports of call, bringing the London mail of the 27th August, arrived here last night. The enclosed telegrams are taken from Russian and Indian papers.

**RUSSIA, TURKEY, AND BULGARIA.**  
**LONDON, 24th September.**  
 Fifty Russian Officers are now at Sofia consulting with M. Zankoff. The rebel regiments have submitted.

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 Despite the intense enthusiasm of the soldiers and the popular, Prince Alexander announced, with the 4th Army, that the Government had decided to quit the throne, and he did so because otherwise the independence of Bulgaria would be destroyed.

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